ERYTHRONIUM AMERICANUM.

Common Erythronium.

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PLATE LVIII.

For a considerable time the genus Erythronium was considered as containing only one species, the *E. dens canis* of Europe and Asia. The American plant was considered, by Michaux, as a variety of the European, differing only in colour. Later botanists have, with propriety, separated it, and besides this, one or two other American species have been added to the genus.*

The natural order, called *Liliaceæ* by Linnæus, and *Lilia* by Jussieu, is perhaps not exceeded by any other, in the uniform elegance of all its spe-

* My friend Mr. F. Boott discovered a new species of Erythronium on the Camel's rump mountain in Vermont, which he calls *E. bracteatum.* Its character is *E. foliis inæqualibus, scapo bracteato.* In all the specimens gathered by that gentleman, the leaves were very unequal, one being twice the size of the other; the scape had also a lanceolate bracte near the top. The flower was yellow and about half the size of *E. Americanum.*